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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

RONALD RICHMAN,)	No. C 07-5317 JCS
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	DECLINATION TO PROCEED
v.)	BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE
)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; U.S.)	
DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE)	
SERVICE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

Defendant United States of America, by and through this special appearance of its attorney¹, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, hereby declines to have the above-captioned matter resolved by a magistrate judge and requests reassignment to a federal district court judge.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: March 14, 2008

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¹ The United States does not concede it has been served in accordance with Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.